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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH GOL HIGH COMMISSIONER TO SWAZILAND,
O.T. SEFAKO

1. MR. O. T. SEFAKO, WHO PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO KING SOBHUZA II ON FEBRUARY 10, CALLED ON CHARGE FEBRUARY 13. MR. SEFAKO EXPLAINED THAT HIS ACCREDITATION TO SWAZILAND AS NON-RESIDENT HIGH COMMISSIONER GREW OUT OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOL PM JONATHAN, GOS PM MAKHOSINI AND BOTSWANA PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA IN LATE 1973 THAT SUCH ENVOYS WOULD BE APPOINTED.

2. CONVERSATION INEVITABLY TURNED TO UBLS. SEFAKO SAID HE THOUGH THE BREAK UP WAS INEVITABLE BECAUSE OF GOL UNHAPPINESS WITH DEVOLUTION AND PERSONALITY OF VC ROGERS. NOW THAT NUL HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, THERE IS NO GOING BACK. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT GOL HAD HANDLED THE AFFAIR IN A CLUMSY AND UNNECESSARILY PROVOCATIVE WAY AND WAS NOW SEEKING WAYS TO HEAL THE BREACH. HE MENTIONED THAT GOL HAD TRIED TO ORGANIZE A MEETING OF THE THREE MINISTERS OF EDUCATION IN JANUARY, WHICH HAD NOT COME ABOUT, AND WAS STILL WORKING TOWARDS THIS GOAL. HE SAID THAT GOL WELCOMED STUDENTS FROM BOTSWANA AND SWAZILAND AT ROMA CAMPUS AND HOPED THAT LESOTHO

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STUDENTS WOULD BE ABLE TO STUDY AT AGRICULTURAL CAMPUSES IN

SWAZILAND.

3. RE MOZAMBIQUE, SEFAKO ASKED IF USG HAD ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH GPRM AND SEEMED RE-ASSURED WITH POSITIVE REPLY.
HE SAID GOL IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING A DIPLOMATIC
MISSION IN MAPUTO AND HIS GOVERNMENT WILL BE PLEASED THAT SOME
LIKE-MINED GOVERNMENTS ARE ALSO REPRESENTED.
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